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CAPE TOWN FROM EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: KATATURA VIOLENCE HEARING

REF: CAPE TOWN 468

1. SEVENTY-SIX OVAMBO MEN ARRESTED DURING OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN KATATURA APRIL 23 (RETEL) APPEARED IN WINDHOEK MAGISTRATES COURT APRIL 30 FOR BAIL APPLICATION HEARING. MEN TO BE CHARGED WITH PUBLIC VIOLENCE. ARGUING THAT THEY HAD ENDANGERED LIVES OF POLICE AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, STATE ASKED BAIL BE SET AT \$750.

2. DEFENSE COUNSEL SUBMITTED AFFIDAVITS ALLEGING, INTER-ALIA, THAT POLICE INITIATED VIOLENCE. IN VEIW THIS AND FACT THAT AVERAGE WAGE OF ACCUSED IS \$45 PER MONTH, DEFENSE ASKED BAIL OF \$75. MAGISTRATE RULED BAIL BE FIXED AT \$450 AND THAT ANY DEFENDANTS RELEASED MUST REPORT TWICE DAILY TO POLICE. FEW LIKELY TO RAISE BAIL.

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3. LAWYER ACTING FOR FIFTEEN ACCUSED (OTHERS REPRESENTED) TOLD US
IN TELCON THAT MAJORITY OF OVAMBOS WOUNDED IN INCIDENT WERE SHOT
IN SIDE OR BACK, INCLUDING THE ONE MAN KILLED. DEFENDANTS AND
OTHERS CLAIM PEOPLE WERE RUNNING FOR COVER WHEN POLICE OPENED
FIRE. ACCORDING LAWYER, THIS WILL BE BASIS OF DEFENSE WHEN
CASE COMES TO TRIAL. TRIAL DATE WILL BE SET MAY 14.
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